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1. WE TOO HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF RENEWED IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR KURDISH DISSIDENTS AND NOTE WITH INTEREST SHAH'S STATEMENT TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS SCRUPULOUSLY ADHERING TO HIS AGREEMENT WITH IRAQS.

2. AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT USE OF "KURDISH WEAPON" BY IRAN, AND PERHAPS BY OTHER COUNTRIES, IF THEY BELIEVED SUCH ACTION MIGHT HELP AVOID DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN FERTILE CRESCENT AREA THAT THEY PERCEIVE AS UNFAVOURABLE TO THEIR INTERESTS. IN OTHER WORDS, WE DO NO BELIEVE THAT DECISION TO RESUME AID TO KURDS WOULD NECESSARIKY TAKE PLACE ONLY IN CONTEXT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, BUT MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, BE BASED ON A DESIRE TO LIMIT INFLUENCE IRAQI REGIME MIGHT OTHERWISE EXERT OVER SYRIA OR OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA.

3. IN LIGHT OF MOST RECENT DEVELOPEMENTS, WE WOULD AGREE THAT IRAQ'S INFLUENCE IN AREA IS NOT GROWING AT A RATE THAT IRAN OR OTHER POWERS COULD RESONABLY VIEW AS THREATENING TO THEIR
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